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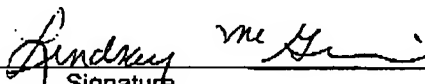
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement of the Office Action dated February 5, 2004, Applicant hereby elects prosecution of invention I as defined by claims 1-17, 33 and 34. The remaining claims 18-32 are withdrawn without prejudice.

Accordingly, review of this application is respectfully requested. However, should there remain unresolved issues that require adverse action, it is respectfully requested that the

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Examiner telephone Lindsay G. McGuinness, Applicants' Attorney at 978-264-6664 so that such issues may be resolved as expeditiously as possible.

For these reasons, and in view of the above amendments, this application is now considered to be in condition for allowance and such action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully Submitted,

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